

Remarks

The above amendments do not introduce new matter. It was intended that these claims be filed in the immediately prior parent application (USSN 07/931,154) of which the present application is a FWC under 37 C.F.R. 1.62. The immediately prior parent application (USSN 07/931,154) was filed as a continuation of USSN 07/138,894, issued as U.S. 5,156,949, wherein a restriction requirement was given and Applicants selected the group drawn to methods of detecting HIV antibodies using recombinant envelope (env) polypeptides. Applicants are now pursuing immunoassay methods of detecting HIV antibodies employing synthetic envelope (env) polypeptides.

Furthermore, in USSN 07/138,894, inventorship was amended to that of Paul A. Luciw and Dino Dina, and that inventorship entity is proper in the present application. (This inventorship entity is identical to that of the first ancestral application, USSN 06/677,501, filed October 31, 1984.)

Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to contact the undersigned at (510) 601-2708.

Respectfully submitted,

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